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LETTER DATED 23 SEPTEMBER 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit herewith resolution No. 5896, dated 13 September 1999, entitled "Foreign conspiratorial schemes against the Sudan", which was adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its one hundred and twelfth regular session at the level of Ministers for Foreign Affairs, held on 12 and 13 September 1999, at Cairo (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of the members of the Security Council to the present letter and its annex, and have them circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. Hussein HASSOUNA
Ambassador

Annex

[Original: Arabic]

Resolution 5896 of 13 September 1999, adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its one hundred and twelfth regular session, held in Cairo on 12 and 13 September 1999

Foreign conspiratorial schemes against the Sudan

The Council of the League of Arab States,

Having considered:

The note by the Secretary-General,

The letter dated 17 June 1999 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the League of Arab States (BDJ/1/10/112),

And the recommendation of the Political Committee,

Having heard the statement of the delegation of the Sudan on the scope of the foreign intervention in the internal affairs of the Sudan and on developments in connection with the foreign scheme to undermine the stability of the country and jeopardize its security and territorial integrity,

Recalling resolution 189 adopted by the Arab Summit Conference at its extraordinary session held in Baghdad from 28 to 30 May 1990,

Further recalling Council resolutions 5374 of 27 March 1994, 5746 of 25 March 1998, 5781 of 24 August 1998, 5794 of 17 September 1998 and 5849 of 18 March 1999,

Taking cognizance of the statement of the General Secretariat supporting the decision of the Sudanese Government concerning a comprehensive ceasefire in all theatres of operations and endorsement of the good offices of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya with a view to achieving national reconciliation in the Sudan,

Expressing appreciation for the efforts made by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development and its Partners Forum to advance the peace process in the Sudan,

DECIDES:

1. To reaffirm its support for the Sudan in confronting threats to its sovereignty, stability and territorial integrity and in rejecting any attempts at partition, and to assist its endeavours in regional and international organizations;

2. To condemn the threat by the United States to engage in renewed aggression against the Sudan, thereby demonstrating its contempt for the international rule of law and acting in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations; to call upon the international community to take a stand against the use of military force to resolve problems between States; and to urge self-restraint and the pursuit of constructive dialogue on political and security-related matters as an approach based on respect for the international rule of law, the sovereignty of States and non-intervention in the internal affairs of others;

3. To call attention to the fact that foreign intervention in the affairs of a State member of the League of Arab States poses a danger to security and stability in the region; and to condemn any decisions that seek to promote any separatist tendency, especially by means of material or military support, or to impose aerial exclusion zones in the Sudan;

4. To commend the sustained efforts of the Sudan to promote its relations with its Arab brothers and neighbouring friendly countries; to urge the Arab States to continue their efforts to provide increased humanitarian assistance to the Sudan so that it may cope with the dire humanitarian situation in the country; and to endorse and support the endeavours being made to achieve a comprehensive peace in southern Sudan;

5. To urge Arab and Islamic non-governmental organizations to step up their humanitarian, development and relief activities in cooperation with their counterpart international organizations in all parts of the Sudan;

6. To condemn any allegations of slavery in the Sudan and to call attention to the danger of other Arab States being targeted with this charge; to call upon all States and international voluntary organizations to desist from making rash, baseless and unwarranted accusations that target the Sudan and the Arab States and seek to brand them with the charge of slavery; and to consider such actions as part of the campaign to mar the image of the Arabs and the Muslims and offend their community and civilization;

7. To reaffirm its resolution 5781, adopted at the extraordinary session of 24 August 1998, concerning United States aggression as represented by the bombing of the Shifa pharmaceutical plant in Khartoum and deeming it to be an act of aggression against the Sudan, a serious violation of the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity and a flagrant breach of all the relevant covenants and conventions, of the norms of international law and, above all, of the Charter of the United Nations; and to renew its support for the Sudan's just demand that a Security Council mission be sent to investigate the facts concerning the character of the Shifa pharmaceutical plant;

8. To welcome the efforts made by the Government of the Sudan to achieve national reconciliation; to commend the common endeavour of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in the framework of their joint initiative, to urge them to persevere with this important patriotic task and to urge member States to support and endorse this initiative; and to call upon neighbouring States to pursue their efforts in support of unity and the achievement of peace and stability in the Sudan;

9. To request the Secretary-General to take the necessary action with regard to the follow-up mechanism and to cooperate with the relevant bodies and organizations, and primarily with the Security Council and the United Nations, for the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Council of the League in order to support and assist the Sudan in all regional and international forums.